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In re application of: Yoshiki NAKAGAWA et al.

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For: METHOD OF TREATING POLYMER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

7. (Amended) The production method according to claim 1,  
wherein the oxy anion compound has no functional group other than an oxy anion group.

8. (Amended) The production method according to claim 1,  
wherein the oxy anion compound has a group represented by the general formula 1:



in the formula,  $R^1$  represents an organic group which may optionally contain one or more ether or ester linkages, and  $M^+$  represents an alkali metal ion or a quaternary ammonium ion.

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